Golden Jubillee celebrations of Federation of Film Societies of India

3945. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Film Societies of India, an apex organisation of 300 film societies in the country, proposes to celebrate Golden Jubilee year in 2008-09;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering any proposal to release special grant to the Federation;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. FFSI has informed that they have drawn a plan to celebrate the 50th Year of FFSI in December, 2008.

(b) to (d) This Ministry is not in receipt of any such proposal for release of special grant, from FFSI.

Grant-in-aid to Federation of Film Societies of India

3946. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Film Societies of India, established by Late Shri Satyajit Ray and Shrimati Indira Gandhi has been receiving grant-in-aid for about 25 years;

(b) if so, the details of grant given in the last few years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that grant-in-aid has been discontinued recently; if so, what are the reasons for discontinuing the grant; and

(d) if not, what is the amount released in the current financial year, *i.e.* 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. FFSI has been receiving grant-in-aid from Government of India since 1980.

(b) In the last few years, Grant-in-aid was as under:

(i)	2005-06	—	Rs. 4 lakhs
(ii)	2006-07	—	Rs. 4 lakhs
(iii)	2007-08	—	Rs. 3 lakhs

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As at (b) above.

Filling up of vacancies in group A, B, C and D

3947. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employees and officers group-wise and State-wise sanctioned in group A,B,C and D;